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ONE CENT

GAS EXPLOSION GIVEN AS CAUSE OF DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Home of James Kennedy MISS JENNIE CAHILL
DIES AT HER HOME
Destroyed at About 9:30
Last Night

LOSS WILL BE ABOUT \$3,500

No Effort Made to Control Flames—Family In Monessen and Knew Nothing of Loss Until Returning Home.

A fire which is supposed to have originated from a gas explosion destroyed the home of James Kennedy, at Grand View a suburb of Monessen last night at about 9:30, causing a loss of close to \$3,500, which is partly covered by insurance.

The Kennedy family had gone to Monessen earlier in the evening and knew nothing of the destruction of their home until after ten o'clock.

Practically no attempt was made to control the fire as no alarm was given. It would have been impossible to do anything as the house is located outside the borough and many squares from the nearest fire plug. The fire was at its height when first discovered and while the neighbors made attempts to rescue some of the household goods they could not gain admission owing to the extreme heat. A hour after the fire was discovered the entire building which was a frame structure of seven rooms and bath was in ruins.

According to Mr. Kennedy, the only cause of the fire that could be given was from a gas explosion. He stated that when they left the house earlier in the evening one gas light had been left burning and it is thought there might have been a leak in some other part of the house and an explosion resulted from accumulated gas.

The fire was plainly visible from Charleroi as it was located just back of the cemetery on the crest of the hill opposite here.

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CLASS PARTY IS HELD AT HOME OF TEACHER

A class party was held by members of the Fidelity class of the First Presbyterian Sunday school at the home of the teacher Mrs. Amos. Various games and the exchanging of gifts formed a part of the evening's entertainment. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

OLD ESTABLISHED BUSINESS HAS CHANGED HANDS

The Casino restaurant on McKean avenue has been sold to Mr. Narlinger of Varona, who will take charge of the business on Saturday morning. Mr. Narlinger is an experienced restaurant man and promises to keep the business up to its high standard. This business has been run by H. D. Parks for some time. It is the oldest established restaurant in Charleroi.

AUTO OWNER IS SUED FOR \$10,000

Mrs. Lucy Chamberlain Enters Proceedings Against

Samuel Fox

Mrs. Lucy Chamberlain of West Brownsville, has filed a suit against Samuel Fox of Charleroi in which she asks \$10,000 damages for personal injuries received while a passenger in an automobile, driven by the defendant. She was a passenger at the time and the car was carrying her and other passengers from Charleroi to West Belle Vernon.

The accident was the result of the car colliding with a one horse wagon coming in the opposite direction. Mrs. Chamberlain, it will be recalled, was frightfully injured and her life was despaired of for a long time. One of the shafts of the wagon struck Mrs. Chamberlain to the left of the heart, piercing her side, penetrating her body and coming out near her shoulder blade. It was with difficulty that she was pulled from her position.

The defendant is charged with negligence in the manner in which he operated his car. It is set out that following the collision the defendant attempted to back his car a short distance, when he suddenly turned on the power and the hind end of the automobile it is averred came directly in front of the left shaft of the horse, striking the plaintiff as above stated.

It is further averred the defendant did not have the lights on his car in proper condition, so that he could see the vehicles upon the road a reasonable distance ahead.

Mrs. Chamberlain further sets out that she was confined in the hospital for a long time, suffered much pain, and put to much expense for medical services and nursing and that she has been permanently injured her nervous system impaired, her heart made weak, and that she will never again be able to follow her usual employment.

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PLACE INSURANCE ON EMPLOYEES

Council at Its Meeting Last Night Instructed Local Agent to Prepare Necessary Policy

At a meeting of the borough council held in the borough building last night the question of insuring the borough employees was taken up and the amount of the exonerations are as follows:

1910 \$1,281.00
1911 \$1,115.37
1912 \$1,093.74

Harry Hormell was present and entered a complaint regarding the condition of the sidewalks on Prospect avenue between First and Second street. The street committee was instructed to investigate the matter and have the necessary repairs made within ten days.

The finance committee made a report stating that they had gone to place the insurance with one agency. Fred W. Brady was instructed to write the policy. The amount required is not definitely known but it is thought the premium will amount to possibly \$260 for the year.

Other routine business of a minor nature was transacted.

WEST MINISTER GUILD HAS IMPORTANT MEETING

Yearly Contributions Divided Between Home and Foreign Missions—Large Increase Is Reported.

The West Minister Guild of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church met Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Bessie Richey, on Lookout avenue. Miss Elizabeth Elliott, the president was in charge of the meeting and important business was transacted. The yearly contributions were divided equally between home and foreign missions and a large increase was reported. A shower was planned in honor of a member of the Guild who was recently married. The young ladies who are attending school out of town and are home for the holidays were in attendance and contributed much to the pleasure of the evening. Miss Grace Gelder introduced the topic for discussion it being "The Government of the Indians." She was assisted by Miss Margaret Jeffries and Miss Marie Whitehead.

The topic proved interesting and was discussed under the heads of "What the Government Has Tried to Do;"

"What the Problems Are;" and

"What Success the Work Has Been."

Miss Bernice Clutter, who is spending her vacation from the mission field of the south in Charleroi, was present and gave an interesting address.

Miss Elizabeth Elliott spoke of President Wilson's address, delivered at the dedication of the Indian Monument at Carlisle, Pa. The hostesses were Miss Bessie Richey and Miss Vivian Allen and they served a dainty lunch at the close of the program.

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J.W. Mathias, Collector.

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HOLIDAY PARTY IS HELD BY AUXILIARY

Members of Club Enjoy Pleasant Dancing Chief Diversion of the Evening.

Members of the Musical Auxiliary were the hostesses at a Holiday party held in the high school gymnasium Tuesday evening. The gymnasium was beautifully decorated with Christmas greens and bells for the occasion. The chief diversion of the evening was dancing, but a contest was one of the highly enjoyable features of the evening. Members of the executive committee which is composed of Misses Bertha Haines, Della Jacobs, Bethel Bowman, May Barth and Marguerite Whitlatch were in charge of the affair in general, while details were looked after by special committees. Misses Ethel Barth, Mabel Gaut and Emma Clutter were in charge of the decorations and Mrs. John S. Metz, Mrs. A. G. Lewis and Miss Mary Glunt together with the executive committee looked after the refreshments. A number of out of town guests were present from all along the valley.

After Deliberation Some Changes in Agreement Are Suggested—May be Completed by Thursday of This Week.

Final negotiations for the liquidation of the indebtedness of J. V. Thompson through a creditors' committee were not completed Tuesday. After a deliberation of several hours between the committee of the J. V. Thompson Creditors' association and G. R. Scrugham, representative of financial interests in New York, who propose to finance the liquidation, the committee of the creditors' association suggested some changes in the agreement between the committee and the financial interests for the liquidation.

These changes were inserted in the draft of the agreement which was sent to New York for the approval of the financial interests. It is an

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MONONGAHELA VALLEY PITT CLUB ORGANIZED LAST NIGHT

SHERIFF IS PREPARING TO VACATE RESIDENCE

Addresses Made By Notable Speakers—Students of Early 90's Attend

OFFICERS WERE ELECTED

Banquet Held at Hotel Monongahela Body of Men Assembled Composed of Alumni and Students of University.

The organization of a Monongahela Valley Pitt Club was effected a banquet held at the Monongahela Tuesday evening. The body of assembled for the occasion was comprised of members of the Alumni students of the University, including many who were students in the 190's.

After a most elaborate banquet toastmaster Dr. Bernard Herron Monessen, introduced Karl E. Davis manager of athletics. Davis spoke of the various other clubs and their work. At the close of the talk the University of Pitt "hand clap" was given.

Dr. H. E. Friesell, dean of school of dentistry was the next speaker. He gave an interesting talk "The Alma Mater and Its Growth" explaining in detail the advances of the University both in the number of students enrolled and educational features. The benefit of such an organization as the one formed evening, both to the Pitt students and the community was also shown by Friesell.

J. J. Conners, assistant to Dr. F. C. Mellon institute was then introduced and used as his topic "The Debt Owes to his Alma Mater." He spoke of the putting forth of effort on the part of the students.

George Kirk, the cheer leader of 1911 and 1912 and the author of "Pitt," as well as many other songs spoke of the Y. M. C. A. its relation to the work of the institution. Mr. Kirk is the secretary of the Pitt Y. M. C. A.

Dr. F. C. Stahlman of Charleroi referred to the revival of his interest in the Alma Mater caused by a meeting of the college men and also to the days at Pittsburg in 1889.

Pat Herron the star end of year's football team brought greetings from the Pitt Athletes and of the loyalty of the students to the team and the encouragement they gave.

C. Ketchum one of the Pitters gave a rapid fire talk on the continued loyalty of Pitt men both in and out of school.

A letter from Chancellor McCormick was read in which he expressed his disappointment in not being able to attend the meeting on account of a previous engagement.

The election of officers was conducted by K. E. Davis. The incoming officers and the year of graduation from the University are: President, Dr. F. C. Stahlman, 1893; vice president, Dr. Sorrells, 1893; secretary and treasurer, Doss T. James, 1917.

This will undoubtedly prove justice to the miners union as many other labor organizations the result is expected to cause indignation.

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DEATH RATE AMONG BABIES

"No one knows how many fathers or how many mothers there are in the United States. No one knows how many mothers are at work for gain outside their homes." The Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor brings out the fact in its third annual report made public, and says that it is impossible to determine the relative importance of the high death rate among babies of working mothers until we know how many mothers there are at work in industry.

The Children's Bureau is conducting a detailed inquiry into the social and economic causes of babies' deaths. The present report shows that the two items of the inquiry completed during the past year reveal an average infant death rate of 104 out of every 1000 babies in a steel-making and coal-mining town as against a rate of 84 out of every 1000 in a residential suburb. An even greater contrast is found between the most congested section and the choicest residential section in each of these two communities.

Commenting upon these findings the report says: "The more favorable the civic and family surroundings and the better the general conditions of life the more clearly are they reflected in a lessened infant mortality."

The report shows however that no deductions can be made about the relation between the general infant mortality rate and industrial employment of women until the facts about the number and proportion of mothers at work contained in the unpublished census returns are made available by tabulation.

This tabulation is especially important to the studies of the Children's Bureau. Among the subjects of study which the law directs the bureau to undertake are infant mortality, the birth rate, orphanage and desertion, all requiring information as to family structure. For 1900 and 1910 this information was secured, but the material has not been tabulated because there has been thus far no public demand for it such as secures, for example, the comprehensive information regarding manufactures furnished by the Bureau of the Census every five years. The census officials fully realize its value, but neither the Census Bureau nor the Children's Bureau has funds to make the tabulation that would render this body of human facts available for use."

Meanwhile the Children's Bureau is pursuing its inquiry into the relation of babies' deaths to wages and social conditions believing that the inquiry will prove increasingly valuable as a stimulus to more active protection of the youngest and tender lives throughout the Nation."

Such practical results have already followed the inquiry in two communities as the securing of infant-welfare nurses, improving the milk supply, and rousing community interest in kindred activities.

The Bureau also approaches the problem of infant mortality in a constructive fashion through two pamphlets entitled Prenatal Care and Infant Care which are sent upon request to individual mothers.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

Ready Made Resolutions.
Resolved, not to live at a \$3,000 a year rate on a \$2,000 salary.

Resolved, not to read the sporting

page before the war news.

Resolved not to be drawn into arguments about prohibition, women's suffrage, twilight sleep, the tariff and who's to blame for the war.

Resolved, not to predict the result of the election for President.

Resolved, not to leap in the dark just because some nice girl takes advantage of Leap Year to suggest it. Resolved to be prepared for anything—war, national prohibition, Bryan, Roosevelt, our dear creditors and even a Leap Year engagement.

"I suppose the Fulton Street car was named after Robert Fulton?" he queried of a young man leaning against a lamp post.

"I do," was the reply.

"Didn't you ever ask anyone?"

"No."

"Have you ever had any interest in the matter?"

"Can't say that I have, sir."

"But you ought to be interested." "I'm not, sir."

"You are a resident around here and have crossed the street hundreds of times?"

"I have that."

"And you never asked what it was named after?"

"Never."

The stranger shook his head and heaved a sigh and was about to pass on when the young man seemed to think that some defense was needed, and he observed:

"I've also crossed Jay street more times than I can remember but I never stopped to think whether it was you or some other old Jay with a plug bar on that it was named after." —Washington Herald.

Electric Sparks

The soldiers are still in their trenches. Ford is ill, has sailed for home leaving his guests, his mission and his peace ship behind him.

Yes, the majority of us are back in the trenches.

The Kaiser has an ailment called "Zellgewebenzuwendung". If anybody but an emperor had it it would be designated as merely a "boil".

Just three more days until seats on the "water wagon" will be at a premium. Then in a few more days—well, you will have no trouble getting on.

These new fangled European "drives" are nothing like the old fashioned drives in a sleigh behind a properly trained horse.

"Secretary Redfield rebuked by the hosiery men." Why don't they sock him one?

What's become of the old-fashioned man who couldn't eat bacon because it was so cheap?

The creditor's committee are likely to be the ones to put "Happy" in New Years.

"Uniontown Man Is Wounded on Isonzo Front." Is that his full dress or does he have a double face?

The tight wad bought the salt and pepper suit because he wanted it to do two seasons.

TRY A CLASSIFIED AD



Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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Particulars.

YOU WILL NEED MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS AND OTHER PURPOSES

HERE IS AN EASY PLAN TO GET IT AND A SURE WAY TO HAVE IT

JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB WHICH STARTS THIS WEEK

In the 5c Progressive Class, pay 5c the first week, 10c the second week, 15c the third week and so on for 50 weeks, and we will issue you a check or pass book with credit therein two weeks before Christmas for \$25.75, plus interest.

Or in the 25c Progressive Class, pay 25c the first week, 50c the second week, 75c the third and so on for 50 weeks, and we will issue you a check or pass book with credit therein two weeks before Christmas for \$25.75, plus interest.

Or in the 50c Progressive Class, pay 50c the first week, 2c the second week, 2c the third, and so on for 50 weeks, and two weeks before Christmas we will issue a check or pass book with credit therein for \$12.75, plus interest.

YOU MAY REVERSE THE ORDER OF PAYMENTS IF YOU WISH TO DO SO

For instance, in the 5c Class, going up, the payments start with 5c and end with \$2.50. If you desire to do so, you may start with \$2.50 the first week and pay 5c less every week until the last week's payment, which will be 5c. Other classes decrease in like manner. Or you may take out a card regarding a weekly deposit of 50c each week for 50 weeks, and you will receive a check or a pass book for \$25.75, plus interest. Other classes offered are 50c per wk. and 25c per wk.

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HER POOR, PETTED HUSBAND

Wife's Solicitude for His Health, and Her Own, Was Very Touching, Indeed Yes.

The petted husband and his wife were amiably discussing the advisability of a trip to Palm Beach, in order that the wife of the petted husband could get back some of the strength that, with her, wasn't so latent as the distinguished physician who called upon her some time during the petted husband's office hours thought it ought to be.

"The only trouble, darling," said the petted husband, "is this: that if you should want me to go with you I should have to leave my business just at the period when I am most needed to make our profits large enough for me to maintain you in the proud position to which you have been accustomed."

"On the other hand, should I remain behind, the first of the month will come without you being here, and the thought of opening all the bills for things you have ordered but for gotten to mention, without your moral support, is rather disconcerting."

"And I suppose," said the wife of the petted husband, "you have not considered that if I should go alone there would be no one, absolutely no one, to see about my baggage, arrange about the sleeping compartments and hotel rooms and protect me from being insulted by total strangers. I should think, after our being married all these years, you ought to feel pretty good about my wanting you to go away, and you would if you had a spark of human feeling in you."

Thereupon the petted husband interviewed the tourist agencies, saw the hotel representatives, made arrangements to stave off his creditors and close up his business for six weeks.

At Palm Beach the wife of the petted husband remarked to a friend: "Yes, I brought my petted husband along. The poor man absolutely needs a change of scene."—Life.

Unstable Moon.

The celebrated observatory at Greenwich, the place from which we reckon longitude, was founded by Charles II in 1675, mainly for the purpose of investigating the movements of the moon in the interests of navigation. Although in the intervening two and a half centuries astronomers have worked at the problem, the moon has not yet become entirely amenable to their mathematics. The astronomer-royal of Great Britain, in his report of the work at Greenwich during the past year, calls attention to the increasing deviation between the calculated position of the moon in the sky and its real position as shown by the Greenwich observations. The deviation has lately been growing in a serious manner. The error last year was more than twelve times as large as the error twenty years ago, and the average annual increase during the two decades has amounted to half a second of arc in longitude. The reason that astronomers have failed in getting exact results from calculations based on dynamical laws of gravitation is possibly the existence of some attractive force that they have not yet discovered, although the result may also be affected by the true shape of the earth, which still awaits accurate determination.—*Youth's Companion*.

Fumed Oak.

A good method of producing the peculiar dark brown of old oak is by fumigation with liquid ammonia. The wood should be placed in a dark and air-tight room, and half a pint or so of ammonia poured into an open dish placed upon the ground. The gas that comes from the ammonia acts in a wonderful manner upon the tannic acid in the wood, and browns it so deeply that a shaving or two may be taken off without removing the color. The depth of shade will depend upon the quantity of ammonia used and the time allowed for the operation. Other methods may be used to obtain a similar result. Liquid ammonia may be laid on the wood with a brush or rag, and the color will deepen immediately. Potash bichromate, dissolved in cold water, will produce a similar effect. In Germany, the cabinet makers use very strong coffee for darkening oak. To make it very dark, use iron filings with a little sulphuric acid and water, put on with a sponge, and allow it to dry between each application, until the right hue is reached.

Begin to See Daylight.

The doctors may disagree over the origin of pellagra (they disagree about most things), but the theory of the public health service is reasonable enough. We are largely what we eat, says the Boston Daily Advertiser. Diseases that once were fatal are now treated absolutely by diet and treated successfully, as all physicians agree.

Perhaps, in another generation, the drug store will be a food shop. Instead of paregoric or castor oil, the family doctor will prescribe orange juice or lettuce. Every child will know the relative importance of fats, proteins and carbohydrates. A new generation will circulate pledges against sugar and pie crust. Both have slain their thousands and tens of thousands, and sugar has killed more Americans than rattlesnakes ever did. Many a man takes far more worry over the lubricating oil he uses on his motor car than on the fuel he shovels into his digestive motor. We call this a civilized age, but in the matter of food and food frauds, we have just begun emerging from the stone age.

AMID DIN OF BATTLE

PIPER'S MUSIC AROUSED INTEREST OF CORRESPONDENT.

American Ambulance Drivers Give Vivid Description of Scenes They Witnessed in Land Where Death Is Common.

These vivid sketches of battle scenes are given in letters written by Richard Norton and W. R. Berry, who are attached to the American Volunteer Motor Ambulance corps, which handled 6,719 wounded men in the five days of the main allied drive in France last September. The letters were received by Elmer Norton, of 2 Rector street, this city. Richard Norton writes.

"Still another picture that rises in my mind as I write is of one cloudy morning when, after a very tiring night, I was sitting on the roadside watching a rather heavy bombardment near by, and suddenly through the din rose the sweet clear notes of a shepherd's pipe. It was the same red pipe I have heard so often on the hills of Greece and Asia Minor, and the same sweetly sad, age-old shepherd music telling of Pan and the nymphs and the asphodel meadows where Youth lies buried. The piper was an ordinary piou-piou, a simple fantasia, 'mon vieux Charles' with knapsack on back, rifle slung over his shoulder, and helmet on head strolling down to the valley of death a few hundred yards beyond."

Mr. Berry pictures the stream of wounded.

"One last scene I shall not forget," he says. "There was a white chalk road between black pipe trees, and on it, moving towards us, were two groups of shuffling men, a blood-red sunset at their backs. Our car slowed down to pass between them, but when we saw, we stopped—and let them pass."

"On one side moved a muddy, blood-stained company, where blue-clad figures drooped in saddles, or clung with both hands to a comrade's stirrup leather. I saw a broken sword and empty carbine holsters, and I saw, too, eyes glazed with fatigue that stared from dead-white faces. On the other passed a second company, muddy and blood-stained like the first, but there were gray-clad figures staggering in step, the stronger with their arms around their comrades. I saw the ribbon of the iron cross, and I saw again eyes glazed with fatigue that stared from dead-white faces."

"So passed us by a remnant of the Hussars' charge, and a group of German prisoners. Victors and vanquished—with only the white road between them."—*New York Evening Post*

Foreign Children Are Healthier.
The death rate among children born in New York city of native American parents is higher than among children of foreign parents, according to a report by Dr. William H. Guifroy, registrar of the health department. Children of native white parents, the report says, die at the rate of 44 males and 35 females out of every 1,000 before attaining the age of five years. The death rate for native parents, both white and negro, is 78 males and 65 females. Children of foreign-born parents show a mortality during the five years of 39 males and 32 females. The lowest mortality rate is given by the records to Russian-born mothers. The birth rate among foreign-born mothers is almost three times greater than among native mothers.—*New York Times*.

Those "Shade" Cartoons.
The property room of the cartoonist is a scene of great activity these days. Mars, the war god, has been brought out and dusted, and his face touched up to look more fearsome than ever. All the war shades of the past have been working overtime, and death, Frankenstein, Mars and the devil have been very busy. The shades of Wellington, Nelson, Bismarck, King Edward, Julius Caesar, the veterans of 1870, have been taxed to their utmost, while the portly shade of Napoleon, through many calls on his services by the world's cartoonists, has been worn to a mere shadow.—*Cartoons Magazine*.

Even in Germany.
I had been in the country on business for three days and had not seen an up-to-date newspaper in all that time. My anxiety to know how the war had gone in the meantime was, as you may imagine, somewhat keen. My wife was at the station to meet me I rushed up to her. "What news, my dear?" I cried. "What news?" "Oh, darling," said she, "what do you think? Skirts are being worn shorter than ever."

Wisdom of the Wise.
Rhymer—I seem to be troubled with a bad memory of late.
Spacer—Losing your mind, eh?
Rhymer—No, not exactly, but often my best thoughts fail to return.

Spacer—Gee, is that all? I used to have the same trouble until I got into the habit of inclosing a stamped envelope with all my manuscript.

Where Ignorance Is Bliss.
"What I know about running an automobile would fill a book," said the reckless young man at the steering wheel.
"Yes," said the policeman who had gathered him in, "and what you don't know about one would soon fill the morgue."

ONLY A ROSE

By DOROTHY BLACKMORE.

"You do like my gown then?" Nancy questioned. She reached out and extracted a solitary pink rose that had lent its beauty to his writing table. "I think I need this in my hair," she said and tucked the flower among the riot of golden curls. After his smile of approval she slipped off. It was quite time for the first guest to arrive for her coming-out party.

Kennard watched her go and sighed a trifle wearily. He was old beyond his thirty-five years in that he had, at the age of twenty-one, gone through a frightful train wreck which left him mentally aged and physically lame.

At twenty-five, his closest friend, older by many years than Kennard, had died, leaving a slim, delicate girl orphaned and oddly alone in the world. Kennard had adopted Nancy Vale because Vale had left her to him.

The doorbell rang many times and men and women flocked into the great Kennard drawing-room where Nancy, looking not more than fifteen in her simple gray frock, welcomed her guests. Often her big eyes glanced swiftly at the stairs leading from the library, but each time they returned to smiles and laughter with a hint of wistfulness growing in their clear depths. "Nunk" was so absorbed in his story as to forget that he had promised to come in and join her party.

It was not until silence reigned again in the great house and a small pink rose drooped wearily in Nancy's curls that she tiptoed softly to the library door. The quiet of that room told her that the story was finished and that "Nunk" was smoking the raspy cigarette that always followed the completion of a good day's work.

"May I come in?" she questioned, already over the threshold.

Kennard opened wide his eyes.

"I just wanted to say good night," she said softly, and stroked back the lock of snow-white hair that lay across Kennard's broad forehead.

"You grow more like your father every day," he said in quick appreciation of her instinctive understanding. "He was the most unselfish and considerate man that ever walked the earth. I'm sorry, kindly, that your old uncle forgot the coming-out party. I could only have limped about trying vainly to banish my hero and his woes from my mind. I will get you another string of those beads."

"Beads! How dare you call my matchless pink pearls beads!" She touched the exquisite present from him that clasped her slender neck. She looked anxiously at him. "You won't sit up any longer will you—it's late now?"

"Only till the cigarette puffs out," he told her and watched her skip off and up to her room.

Kennard sat for a few moments wearily looking at the door through which his ward had gone. Gradually his eyes focused themselves on a faded pink flower that lay just within the library door. It was the rose Nancy had worn in her hair.

Kennard rose and picked it up and returned to his desk with it. He sat gazing softly, tenderly, at it and, a second later, his lips caressed it tenderly.

No sooner had he touched the withered flower than he drew back swiftly. The meaning of his action went over him like a flame of fire.

"God!" he cried in terror at his own emotion. "Not that! Surely not that—she's only a child!" He sat stunned.

A few minutes later his head went forward on his arms and the rose was again against his lips.

Nancy, creeping softly down the stairs, tried to stifle the beating of her heart when she glanced swiftly at the floor just within the library door. There was no rose lying there. She stood for a moment, her great eyes devouring Kennard's bent shoulders and bowed head. The very softest sigh escaped her and Kennard raised his eyes slowly, believing a splendid vision had appeared to him.

Surely the slim little creature in the doorway was not Nancy. There was golden hair piled high and bound by the matchless pink pearls and a white throat rose like the stem of a lily from a low-cut bodice. The arms were bare and gleaming white.

"This is the new gown aunty bought for me," she explained swiftly, her words hysterically broken. She had seen the crushed rose under Kennard's hand. Her eyes were like stars and her body was trembling with elation. It was unbelievable, this wonderful thing that had happened. Paul Kennard loved her!

He brushed his eyes dazedly. He dared scarcely to look at Nancy so great was his longing for her. Her suddenly-revealed womanly beauty had made him weak.

"The gown is lovely," he said feebly trying to speak in the old way. "But run up to your bed, kiddie—it's time little girls were asleep."

"It's time little girls were grown up," Nancy said. And the subtle note of womanhood had entered her voice.

She drew close to Kennard and her gleaming arms twined up and about his neck. "If you won't tell me you love me," she said—and there was a sob in her voice—"I don't want to live."

Kennard's arms closed about her swiftly, hungrily.

A rose lay on the desk—the pink rose she had worn in her hair.

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Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Stopp had. Foster-Milburn Co., Progs., Buffalo, N. Y.

DIVORCE NOTICE.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pa., Vesta G. Miller, vs. Albert C. Miller, subpoena libel for divorce. No. 27 November Term, 1915.

Notice to Respondent.

To Albert C. Miller, respondent in the above mentioned case: You are hereby notified in pursuance of the Order of Court of Common Pleas of said County of Washington, to be and appear in the said Court on the First Monday of February next, being the 7th day of the month, to answer the petition of libel hereto preferred by the libellant, Vesta G. Miller, your wife, and show cause if any you have, why the said Vesta G. Miller should

not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you agreeably to the Act of Assembly, in such cases made and provided. Hereof fail not under the penalty of having said petition heard and a decree of divorce granted in your absence.

Robert G. Lutton.

Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office: December 14th, 1915.

D. M. McCloskey, Attorney.

D-15-22-29-J-5

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Have you taken the Bell Telephone into the firm for the new year?

Re-organize for a banner year—bigger business, bigger profits, efficiency straight through!

Be sure first to start with Bell Service; or, if you're now connected, make sure you've the equipment your business needs and that your salesforce is posted on modern selling-by-telephone methods.

The Central Dist. Telephone Co. F. B. Burwell, Local Manager, Charleroi, Pa.

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TRIMMED HATS ALL GO AT HALF PRICE

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We have a considerable lot of Christmas goods left and we offer it for one week at greatly reduced prices--better see these and get your share at the cut prices.

ONE-THIRD OFF ON ALL DOLLS

ONE-THIRD OFF ON ALL TOYS

ALL GAMES ONE-THIRD OFF ONE-FOURTH OFF ON ALL CHINA

ONE WEEK ONLY

ONE-FOURTH OFF ON ALL FURS--Don't overlook furs--these were bought before the advance. We've a lot of furs cheap that can be cut up and used for trimming that will cost you only about one-third that of trimming.

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Please note above--Also ask about the new Erector Contest that closes March 1st

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Do you know that the men, young men and boys are coming more than ever to buy their suits and overcoats at this store. There is a reason. We give the same stamp of quality and reliability to our clothing that we do to the other merchandise of this store. It must be right--in fact it must be right or money back--and that counts with the people. Now if you need a suit or overcoat--just take a look--use one of these suits and see the real wear you get and the wear you get is what makes the price. Quality goes with every price at this store. No trouble to show you.

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\$15,000 DAMAGE SUIT HAS BEEN FILED

George Nehas and Isaac Beether, of Monessen, are defendants in a \$15,000 damage suit filed in the Court of Common Pleas by William C. Johns and Glen A. Johns, M. J. Keller and Bell & Bell, attorneys for the plaintiffs.

According to the statement of claim filed, the defendants are the owners of an automobile bus and carry passengers for hire in the vicinity of Monessen.

It is alleged that August 31, 1915, Glenn A. Johns, wife of William C. Johns was riding in an automobile on a road leading to Monessen and a car owned by the defendant collided with the automobile in which she was a passenger. Mrs. Johns was thrown from the machine and her breast bone fractured and she was injured in other ways. It is alleged that the driver of the defendant's car was inexperienced and was driving

CLEAN-UP WEEK AT THE COURT HOUSE

County Officers Arranging Affairs
Of County Prior to Turning Them
Over to Successors--Much Work
Being Done.

This is clean-up week for the year's business about the court house offices. With the retirement of several of the officers next Monday there is much to do in their offices in order to turn things over to their successors. In these offices where the officials start on new terms they are getting their work in shape so far as possible, in order to have a clean slate when the New Year starts.

Sheriff Robert G. Lutton has had for weeks much work and still has much on hands to be disposed of before turning over his office to his successor, Frank B. Wickerham. There are a hundred and one things to do to close up his work as sheriff and much of it will run into the term of the new sheriff. The filing of tax liens at this time of the year the issuance of scire facias writs upon the same, serving these, etc., piles up the work in the sheriff's office. There are also other matters of costs to be adjusted and the putting of the books in shape for the new man.

District Attorney R. G. Miller has about cleaned up the work of his office in preparation for turning it over to District Attorney-Elect Isaac W. Baum on next Monday. Next week District Attorney Miller will resume his regular practice and will devote his entire time to the business of the law firm of Donnans, Brownson & Miller. Assistant District Attorney T. H. W. Fergus will devote all his time to his practice, at his offices in the Washington Trust Co. building, which he has maintained during his term of office. District Attorney-Elect Baum will retain his offices in the Trust building as will also Woodward M. Taylor who on Monday becomes assistant district attorney.

R. L. Munce, one of the county commissioners, is ready to step down and out next Monday, after having served out the unexpired term of the late John A. Berry. Mr. Munce was not a candidate, having many agricultural interests to look after and being an active factor in the Washington County Farm Bureau. Thomas Hill and A. P. Barnum succeed themselves as commissioners. John O. Watson of Charleroi will become one of the board on next Monday.

H. D. Browneller and Dr. R. W. Wolfe close up their work this week as poor directors and will be succeeded next Monday by George E. Adams, Washington and W. W. Hawkins of Millsboro. R. C. Buchanan remains on the board. As soon as the new board gets together the one important item of business will be the filling of the superintendency at the County home and matron's position at the Children's home.

A. V. Lewis, prothonotary; W. S. Lockhart, clerk of courts; Boyd C. Parshall, register and James T. Hefran, coroner, all succeed themselves and not much difference will be noted in these offices.

Samuel M. Downer of Monongahela, one of the popular officials will retire as treasurer and will be succeeded by Dr. W. H. Alexander of Canonsburg. Lloyd Galbraith of the Morning Star, Houston will also retire as deputy county treasurer. Dr. Alexander has announced that former County Treasurer John C. Morgan will be in the office for a time and also a nephew of Dr. Alexander.

Controller T. J. Underwood, Deputy R. B. Drum and Clerk Mark M. Decker are busy preparing the annual report of the controller and the indications are that Controller Underwood is going to submit a very interesting statement this year. It will be a very thorough report of just what it has cost to run the county the past year with probably some suggestions for the coming year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED OUT AT TWO THIS MORNING

An alarm for box number 14 at the corner of Third street and McKean avenue brought the Charleroi Fire department out this morning but upon their arrival no trace of fire other than a few sparks coming from a chimney could be found. An "out" alarm was immediately sent in.

car in a reckless manner when the accident happened.

Ten thousand dollars is claimed by the wife on account of injuries she suffered and \$6,000 by the husband.

ALPHA PHI BETA DANCE AT AUDITORIUM TONIGHT

One of the season's most brilliant social functions will be the annual Mid-winter dance to be given by the members of the Alpha Phi Beta fraternity at Micht's auditorium this evening. The dance which will be informal will be in the nature of a farewell reception to J. Christy Roberts, a member of the fraternity who will leave the first part of the year for New York. Music will be furnished by the Jenkins orchestra. Zebulon Beaudoux is the chairman of the committee arranging the dance and he will have practically all the members of the fraternity to assist him.

CUTTING OUT WASTE MOTION

Unnecessary Fatigue May Be Avoided
and Much Greater Amount of
Work Accomplished.

"There is no waste of any kind in the world that equals the waste from needless, ill-directed and ineffective motions, and their resulting unnecessary fatigue."

This remark was made in a talk before the American Academy of Political and Social Science by Frank B. Gilbreth, the man who discovered lost motions in bricklaying and who has since devoted his time to scientific motion study.

Deriving ways of preventing waste is now occupying a great deal of attention, and bringing to economy of labor the application of scientific principles has caused a readjustment of working conditions in many industries. The application of so-called efficiency methods in business means simply showing an exact regard for the relation of labor to a given task so that there shall be no waste effort. Our offices and factories are being readjusted so that time and unnecessary steps shall be saved.

Establishing motion standards for the performance of routine work has resulted in increased output and increased wages, with an accompanying decrease in cost. Mr. Gilbreth points out that most of us do not stop to think about the time we waste in the performance of ordinary duties.

It is declared that what motion study has done for the industry will do for all human activities, and that a little more clear thinking about the things we do--a little less senseless hurry--and at the end of the day we will have attained greater accomplishment, with less fatigue, and will be in better sorts with ourselves and the world.

HISTORY ONE OF BLOODSHED

Record of Serbia Has Been a Continuous Tale of Atrocity and Wrongs
It Was Powerless to Avenge.

The characteristics of no people in Europe are probably so little known to the world at large as those of Serbia. The Serbians are a primitive people with strong passions and inspired as are all primitive people by the clan spirit. The vendetta and blood feud prevail among them. Of the seven Serbian princes who have ruled the land since the beginning of the nineteenth century the first, Kara-georgevitch, was murdered; the second, Prince Milosh, was expelled; the third, Prince Michael, was murdered; the fourth, Alexander Kara-georgevitch, had to abdicate; the fifth, King Milan Obrenovitch, was expelled; the sixth, King Alexander I, was murdered; the seventh, King Peter, the present ruler, has spent much of his life in exile. Serbia is a peasant state with a liberal and progressive constitution. The national parliament is elected by universal male suffrage and a large proportion of the members belongs to the peasant class. It is a homogeneous nation of independent farmers. It has been called "the poor man's paradise," as there are inexhaustible mineral resources in the mountains, but Serbia has been less explored than the most remote parts of the United States.

Listening for Bullets.

X-rays have enabled doctors to accomplish miracles in the way of finding foreign substances in the human body and of treating internal wounds, and now there has come an invention that actually enables physicians to discover embedded bullets by sound. It is described in Tit-Bits:

The apparatus consists of special telephone, with double receivers. One end of the telephone wire is attached to a small piece of platinum, which is placed on the patient's skin near the wound and held in position by plaster or by a bandage. The other end of the telephone wire is in the form of a disinfected thread of silver, which is used because it can be readily attached to any of the surgeon's instruments--a knife, a probe, a needle or a pair of forceps. The only precaution necessary is that the terminating wire should be very firmly attached to the instrument.

When the surgeon puts the telephone receiver to his ear and begins to use his instrument on the tissues, he will hear with great distinctness a grating sound that is known as a microphon rattle the instant the instrument touches any metal imbedded in the patient's tissue.

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TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

THE MOOSE BAZAAR Has Hit The Public Fancy

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ALL THIS WEEK

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FOR SALE--Six room house, bath, heater, attic. Price reasonable. Owner leaving town. Inquire 103 Lookout avenue. 164-t6-p

LOST--Package containing black skirt at McDermott's Butter store. Finder return to Peoples Store or McDermott's Butter Store. 164-t3-p

FOR SALE--150 pound steam boiler. Suitable for bakery, saw mill or any dwelling. Call Rice Hotel. Newell, Pa. 165-t3-p

FOR RENT--Three roomed house \$12 per month. Inquire 314 Second street. 165-t3-p

FOR RENT--Furnished rooms 657 Mail office. 165-t2-p

WANTED--A competent girl for general housework. Mrs. George S. Micht, 509 McKean avenue. 165-t2-p

PLANS FOR LIQUIDATION

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icipated that the financiers in New York will approve the changes as suggested by the committee.

It is reliably reported that the committee agreed to the changes suggested by the New York financiers. These changes were said to be of a minor character.

It is expected that final negotiations will be completed on Thursday. The agreement will then be submitted to the members of the County Bar association for their approval on Friday. Mr. Schugham will remain in Uniontown until Thursday to complete the negotiations.

PERSONALS

Mrs. R. B. Whitehead and daughter Marie spent the day visiting in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Steinbaugh of Fallowfield avenue spent Wednesday in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Dash and sons Ellsworth, Edwin and Victor of Lonaconing, Md., are guests of Mrs. J. B. Dixon.

Miss Sara Reed of Elizabeth is visiting with Miss Lenora Miksch of McKean avenue.

Raymond Royer, Franz Sommerfeld and Miss Linda Sommerfeld have returned to their homes at Wilkinsburg after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Huepel of Lincoln avenue.

Born--To Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Besson of Seventh street a son.

Miss Jessie Spidell has gone to Bedford where she will visit with relatives.

Frank Clutter went to Washington Wednesday to visit with his sister, Mrs. J. R. Wilson.

Miss Helena Carroll, who has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. William Ludwig has gone to Oil City where she will visit before returning to her home in Canada.

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